

January 13, 2019

Baptism of our Lord

A special remembrance will be made at Mass for:

Monday, January 14	
8:00 AM	Rita Pudleiner
Tuesday, January 15	
8:00 AM	Carol Honorowski
8:30 AM	Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots
Wednesday, Jan 16	
Church 9:00 AM	Larry Kulhamer
Thursday, January 17	<i>St. Athony</i>
7:00 PM	Helen Lisinsky – <i>special intention</i>
Friday, January 18	
8:00 AM	Marci Helen Bradley
Saturday, January 19	
4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, January 20	<i>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 AM	Frank Gober
10:00 AM	Valeria Koons

Readings for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1 – 5
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4 - 11
 Gospel: John 2: 1 – 11

The Sanctuary Candle, Ringing of the Bells, or Flowers on the Altar may be sponsored in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Contact the parish office for available dates.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Kenneth Mertz**, requested by the **Ken & Freda Mertz**.

The Church Bells will ring this week for **Howard Sweeney**, requested by the *St E's staff*.



Low Gluten Communion Hosts

St. Elizabeth has low gluten hosts. If there is a medical need and you would like to receive the Eucharist in low gluten form please come to the sacristy fifteen minutes prior to Mass so that the celebrant is aware and arrangements can be made for distribution.

To Our Parishioners with a Disability

We welcome you to Mass each weekend. If you wish to receive Holy Communion and find it difficult to join the Communion line, please let the ushers know so that Communion can be brought to you.



RCIA & RCIT Classes

Adult RCIA's topic this week will be Church History & the Papacy on Jan 15th; class time is 7 pm. For information, please call Mary Spieker at 610-266-0695 ext 208. Teen RCIT's class will be held on Tuesday from 6 – 7 pm.



Diocesan Services

For information on healing services offered by the Allentown Diocese visit <https://sp.allentowndiocese.org> or call 1-800-791-9209 or email victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

Thursday Mass Intentions

Please note that the Mass intentions previously assigned to Thursday morning have been changed to the 7 pm Thursday evening Mass.

Baptism

St. Elizabeth Parish family congratulates and welcomes **Bryce Dennis Walter**, who was baptized on January 6, 2019.



Prayer Intentions

Personal intentions may be recorded in the Intention binder in the church foyer. These intentions will be prayed for at each Mass.

Pray For Our Intentions

Please remember in your prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually, especially: *Bill Anderson, Edith Garcia-Ascencio, Mike & Ann Baran, Marge Boccardi, John & Rose Brosious, Robert Brubacker, Millie Buchman, Hailey Diefenbach, David Faust, Dorothy Folajtar, Dona Hahn, Carl Kilhefner, Catherine Kozlusky, Skye Kremsner, Marie LoCicero, Rozanne Lota, Joe Macaluso, Carmen Martucci, Helen Marzano, Alice Meder, Lucy Mellinger, Phyllis Mizgerd, Stephen O'Connor, Cathy Pappalardo, David Perenyi, Sue Podlesny, Janine Sponsel, Rick Stoudt*

If you are admitted to a hospital, please remember to inform the parish office. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of St Elizabeth, Whitehall at the time of your admission.

Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors Info

You must be registered with the parish, be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. These requirements are the universal law of the church. All requests for 'Letters of Good Standing' are to be made well in advance to the rectory office.



Please pray for those who have died especially **Howard Sweeney** and **Paul Krempasky**, uncle of parishioner Joan Glover, who passed away this week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Capital Improvements

We continue to restore and improve the building facilities for future generations. We have recently capped the parapet wall on the main entrance to the church; pressure washed the stone pillars and added caulking to the angular stain glass windows. The work was performed by George Saunders, Inc. for under \$10,000.

GOLDEN AGERS

Next meeting is February 1st at 12:30 pm in the parish hall.

The following are the Golden Agers planned excursions:

March 13th Silver Birches “Irish Festival”: \$82; call Barbara for more information and to reserve a seat for this show 610-266-2874. The bus leaves at 9 am from the church parking lot. We will arrive at 11:30 approximately for coffee and apple streusel cake.

Followed by a family style Irish meal consisting of Irish soda bread, shamrock cucumber salad, turkey Reuben soup, traditional corned beef and cabbage, carrots, bangers and mash, lamb stew and whiskey cake. There is an open bar with draft beer, wine and soda. Entertainment includes music and dancing with Joe Bannigan and the Blarney Boys. We will leave approximately 3:30 and arrive at church around 5:30 pm.



Casino Trips

January 16th Hollywood Casino; bus leaves at 11 am

Cost is \$30; call Irene at 610-264-3721 for more information.

February 20th Mohegan Sun

March 20th Hollywood Casino

April 17th Mohegan Sun

May 15th Hollywood Casino

June 19th Mohegan Sun

PREP CORNER

Meet Our Teachers



PREP – 5th Grade Catechists:

Mr. Felix Figueroa

This is Felix’s second full year teaching 5th grade PREP. He has been a member of the parish since 1998 and is a student at DeSale’s University. Felix says he has spent most of his life sitting at the desk on the student side. This is a wonderful opportunity to work on the other side as the teacher. I hope the students learn the foundations of our faith and continue to build on the principles I present to them.



PREP – 5th Grade Aide:

Miss Kera Kulp

Kera joins us at St. Elizabeth’s this year to assist in 5th grade PREP. She is a member of St. Elizabeth’s Parish and joined in 2014. She is currently a student at DeSale’s University in Center Valley. Kera states that she

would like to enlighten the children about God and bring them closer to Him each week so each student has a lifelong relationship with God.

First Penance



Please keep the young children of our parish in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on Wednesday, Jan 24th.

God, you know me so well. You created me. You know the number of hairs on my

head, and you even know the thoughts in my heart before I ever knew them. I’m coming to you today as your child, longing to hear from you and asking for your divine healing. There’s so much I don’t understand about life. But I do know that with one touch, one word, you can make me whole. Please forgive me of my sins and begin your healing from the inside out.

Spaghetti Dinner

Where: St. Elizabeth Parish Hall

When: Saturday, January 26th

Seating Times: 4:00 pm 5:15 pm 7:00 pm

Cost: Advance Tickets: Adult (12 and older) \$9.00

Child (ages 5-12) \$7.00

Children under five are free

Tickets at the Door: Adult (12 and older) \$10.00

Child (ages 5-12) \$8.00

Children under five are free



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Allentown Central Catholic Tuition Raffle!



Allentown Central Catholic is excited to announce our Class of 2023 Tuition Raffle. The next drawing is January 21st and the final drawing is February 24th. Simply go to www.acchs.info/apply, fill out your class of 2023 application, and drop it off or mail

it to Allentown Central Catholic. ALL students who have submitted an application by the dates above will be entered in that month's drawing. Contact Mrs. Cara Meskill at cmeskill@acchs.info or (610) 437-4601 ext. 148 if you have any questions.

Direct Service Workers Needed

Mercy is seeking to employ both full and part-time Direct Service workers for our TLC/Over 21 adult program. These persons will assist with the day-to-day operation of the Adult Habilitation Program in an efficient manner that supports the mission of Mercy School for Special Learning. There are 2 full time positions with a maximum of 32.5 hours per week year-round with benefits as well as a part time position offering 20 - 25 hours per week year-round.

The following clearances are required: Criminal History Check, Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Clearance and Mandated Reporter Certificate

Interested candidates should contact Beth Grys, Principal, at 610-797-8242 or bgrys@mercyschool.org. You may also mail your resume to:

Mercy School for Special Learning
830 S. Woodward St.
Allentown, PA 18103

Ecumenical Food Bank

As a reminder to all, we collect food for the food bank on the 3rd Sunday of the month.



Whitehall - Coplay Community Meal

The next community meal will be served at St. Peter's, Coplay. Thank you to our volunteers who take your donations to the food bank twice a month.

www.facebook.com/whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative/

Vera / Coach Purse BINGO

Mercy School is holding a Vera / Coach Purse bingo on Sunday, January 20th. The cost is \$25 for 20 games. The kitchen opens at noon and games start at 1 pm. The bingo will be held at 830 S Woodward St, Allentown. For more information call 610-797-8242.

Coaches Needed for ACCHS

Allentown Central Catholic HS Athletic Department is looking for assistant coaches in both girls lacrosse and boys/girls track & field for Spring 2019. Anyone interested should contact the Athletic Director, Dennis Csensits at dcsensits@acch.info or 610-437-4601 Ext 119

MEAT BINGO



St. John the Baptist will hold a Meat Bingo on Sunday, Jan 20th. Doors will open at noon, Bingo begins at 1 pm. First come, first serve seating and refreshments will be available. Call 610-432-3505 Bill Drost for more information. 15 games for \$11 Great Meat Prizes!

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St. Elizabeth Ushers

To all our faithful Ushers,
Please send in this form letting us know about you and when you began as an usher at St Elizabeth.

Name: _____

Start date / year: _____

Mass time you serve: _____

Contact info:

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Address: _____

Personal info:

Where you worked or work: _____

Or school attended: _____

Married: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Suggestions / Comments:
